

The Intelligencer.

Office: Nos. 26 and 27 Fourteenth Street.

If you desire to speculate in grain, provisions or petroleum—don't. The profit is a hundred cents on the dollar every time.

Pittsburgh is bothered with corner loungers. If they will agree to "pair" with those of Wheeling both cities would gain largely thereby.

Now that the women of the land have added boxing to the accomplishment of jayloping, there will be music in the family atmosphere.

General Robertson hasn't stopped smiling since some one was indiscreet enough to suggest that he would make a lively scamper for the White House.

Wellington's narrow escape convinces her that she is of too much importance and growing too fast to remain long without facilities for dealing with a fire. But the lesson and conviction will avail nothing unless followed up with action. Now is the time to strike—while the iron is hot.

A Cincinnati paper complains of a scarcity of beans at that seat of art. If the Cincinnati girls will learn to talk something besides music, or at least to "divide time," the wandering exiles may return. It isn't every man who has the courage to marry a treatise on thorough bass.

Judge Brown is charged with the terrible offense of wanting the sheep of West Virginia to have at least a fair chance against the dogs, which bear no wool, neither do they make good money. The real trouble seems to be that Judge Brown has taken no prizes; or perhaps of all—that Judge Brown has no bound trip.

It is no news that Mormons are mainly Democrats, but they are not in the habit of coming out so boldly as they did at their recent conference in San Francisco. There the Republican reverses of last year were said to be owing to the hostility of that party to polygamy. Republicans won't mind this, but how will Democrats like the pretty compliment?

When the Commercial and the Gazette of Cincinnati hitched horses the Morning Journal made its appearance as a kind of off-shoot to the old Gazette. The Journal was a cheap and admirable paper. But the venture does not seem to have succeeded for now the News absorbs the Journal, and the News-Journal is announced to appear to-day, with a syndicate backing it.

Recent at the State House—"Mornin', Guv'nr."

"Mornin', Joe. Ordered a new assessment to-day."

"Not yet, Guv'nr."

"Why, what are you thinkin' about! Do you want to ruin the Democratic party? Do you know how to run a government without money? Instruct the assessors at once, and then come in and let's have a council."

And so the necessities of the party and the State administration keep the handsome Auditor on the jump.

There can be no question but that the killing of Walter Davis by Congressman Phil. Thompson, of Kentucky, was done either under very strong provocation or a very strong belief of provocation. In either case there is a moral and a legal question raised by the act. The law justifies killing only in a case of self defense. Juries circumvent the law by verdicts which rest on sympathy or prejudice rather than evidence. If it shall appear that Davis made Thompson's wife drunk for base purposes, it is doubtful whether a jury can be found in Kentucky to convict Thompson of murder. Jurors are human, and though "thou shalt not kill," is the law of God and of man, it has always been hard to convince juries that there are not cases in which deliberate killing is not shooting by as has been supposed, the offense was one for which the law provides no remedy which an offended husband would think adequate. And yet, if men are to take the law in their own hands whenever, in their opinion, the time has come for prompt and conclusive proceedings, society might as well disband at once. The offender may deserve all, but society, which must live by law if it lives at all, deserves better.

The Irish convention was in session four days, one devoted to the Land League and three to the formation of the more comprehensive and significant League which better represents the Irish purpose. Whatever may be the effect of that notable gathering, its bearing challenged admiration. The Pat of romance, with a clay pipe in his hat and a shillelagh in his hand, looking for a head to break, had no part in the proceedings. The serious purpose of the body was manifested in all it did. Questions were discussed with earnestness, there was the fire of burning hatred in the speeches and resolutions, but order and decorum prevailed, and the body did not for an instant lose its dignified pose. Here were men from various walks of life, many of them untried in deliberative bodies, bearing themselves in a way that would do no discredit to the Congress of the United States in its best mood. Nor was there lack of brains or hard, practical common sense.

The new League starts well in America. It has made a favorable impression as well for what it is as for what it aims to do. In its aspiration for stricken Ireland it will have the support of every American who has a heart, and in every right step it will have the sympathy of every man who loves liberty and hates oppression. As we look on the situation in Ireland—the present helplessness of the people and the marvelous strength of England—it does not seem that the day of Ireland's independence is near at hand; and yet we should be glad to find within a twelve-month that we have entirely misjudged the situation. But between absolute independence and iron-handed misrule there is a middle ground of home rule and fair play. Less than this will not cure the disorder; more than this it is not likely that Ireland can secure in this generation.

RAUM'S RETIREMENT

FROM INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

The Commissioner's Resignation Occasions Considerable Surprises in Official as well as in Official Circles—The Reasons As Alleged by General Raum.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The resignation of Gen. B. Raum to-day was a complete surprise to every one. Not even his most intimate friends or office associates had the faintest hint that such a course had been determined upon by the Commissioner. The suddenness of the affair led many to believe that there had been some official disagreement with the Secretary or the President; or that it had been intimated to General Raum that his place was wanted for somebody else. Neither of these surmises had any foundation in fact. The President and Secretary Folger were much surprised when Commissioner Raum informed them to-day of his determination to leave the service and devote his time hereafter to the practice of law. Handsome compliments were bestowed and regrets expressed on both sides, and every evidence of the most cordial feeling was manifested.

When General Raum returned to the Treasury Department, after his interview with the President, and announced to his subordinates what he had just done, there was exhibited by all a cordiality and an active grief. The chief clerk, General Clark, to whom, next to General Raum, the Internal Revenue Bureau owes most of its efficiency and splendid discipline, displayed great feeling. He has been faithfully attached to General Raum for many years and was his most particular personal and political friend. The suddenness of General Raum's determination in this matter may be inferred, when not even General Clark knew of it.

Some people, who inquired regarding the cause which led to his resignation, Commissioner Raum said that the responsibility of the office had grown too heavy for a man of his age, and the salary too small. He expected to remain in this city and practice law before the Supreme and other Courts and the Department.

CAUSE OF HIS RESIGNATION. This is true but it does not give the inside of the matter. It has long been a source of surprise to those in Washington, who are used to seeing important interests represented, that the whisky dealers should intrust their business to men of such limited tact that almost every legislative project undertaken for the past two or three years has failed. Were a lawyer and an expert like General Raum engaged to counsel or represent the whisky people, there would be but little likelihood of a failure on any reasonable plan for their benefit. While it is not known that definite arrangements have been made with General Raum, it is believed that he has been secured as a desirable acquisition, and it would not be surprising to see him acting for them. The salary, mentioned when this matter was discussed last winter, as suitable for a representative like General Raum, was \$35,000 per annum.

The ultimate business relations which General Raum has had with all banks not National give him an acquaintance that will be of the best benefit hereafter. There are now pending unsettled and disputed bank accounts with the Government for unpaid taxes, which he can bring to a satisfactory settlement if intrusted with their management. He is also to act as counsel for Wm. Pitt Kellogg, lately indicted. But he is only considered to this point, and the most earnest solicitation of the two hundred thousand tobacco rebate claims which will shortly be filed, also suggest a possible field for one well acquainted with department routine. This class of claims, while covering but small amounts, require legal preparation and argument, yet require looking after and collection. Altogether there are so many bright possibilities outside of the Government employ for Mr. Raum's acknowledged talents that his resignation at this time is the most natural thing in the world.

The question of his successor has not yet been considered. The report that Ex-Congressman Burrows, of Michigan, is to receive the place, is not credited here. The Chief Clerk, David C. Clark, the Chief Clerk, did not resign this afternoon, as reported. He would make a good Commissioner, and should have a place. Mr. Rogers, the Deputy Commissioner, is an active candidate for promotion.

HILL JUSTLY INDIGNANT. How the Proposed Investigation Against Him is Delayed and Halted.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Supervising Architect Hill, becoming tired of the delay caused by Mr. Murch's interference with the investigation Committee, called on Secretary Folger this morning and made a statement concerning the charges made against him. He said that while he courted the fullest and completest investigation into his affairs, he thought that by the appointment of a prosecuting officer at the suggestion of Mr. Murch an unpleasant inference might be drawn, and a dignity which the matter did not deserve, given it.

The Secretary said that the Attorney General had appointed counsel, pending the investigation, but he is now Mr. Murch's counsel. He will act more in the capacity of a Judge Advocate, not representing either side. Mr. Murch has not yet decided whether he will testify in the investigation Committee or not, but it is believed that he will shrink, as usual. Mr. Hill said to-day that if those who make the charges, talk under oath as they do now, he will have them in prison before winter.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The Manly and Cooper Manufacturing Company, of Philadelphia, have reconsidered their determination not to press their charges against Supervising Architect Hill.

Suing Sergeant Mason's Wife for Fees. WASHINGTON, April 28.—Mrs. Hetty Mason has filed an answer in the Equity Court to the suit of Benjamin F. Bigelow for counsel fees in defending her husband, Sergeant Mason. She states that Bigelow volunteered to assume the case and was not of her choice; that she never agreed to pay him for his services, but had, of her own accord, paid him \$570, for which she holds his receipts; that he connected himself with her husband's defense only for his own glorification and for the benefit of his reputation, and finally, she denies the jurisdiction of the court and holds that the claim is not good in equity, but must be prosecuted as any other civil action.

A Poor Argument. New York, April 28.—The Central Labor Union discussed the "Relation of the labor question to the revolutionary movement in Europe." The general sentiment favored the use of the dynamite argument, but the speaker, who was a member of the Central Labor Union, was particularly against the people when revolutionary outbreaks take place.

Changed the Date. COLOMBUS, April 29.—The Prohibition State Committee has changed the date of the convention from June 14 to August 1.

UNITED IRELAND.

All Clauses Satisfied with the Work of the Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, April 28.—Horticultural Hall has been swept out and shut up, and the delegates to the Irish Convention have with one consent gone home. The corridors of the Continental and Girard Hotels, which for several days past have been the headquarters alike for conservatives and radicals, were this afternoon deserted by all save a few transient loungers. The leaders of both factions were the last to leave.

This morning the Supreme Council of Seven of the League met at the Continental Hotel in the room of Delegate Mannion, who was elected to the position of temporary Chairman. An hour was devoted to an informal conference, but nothing was definitely arranged upon, either as regards the future policy of the League or its practical and immediate plans. When the Council finally adjourned it was to meet at the call of the President of the League, Sullivan, of Chicago. The prerogatives of this Council are almost unlimited. It has the supreme power and direction, and is a kind of cabinet whose business is to assist the presiding officer of the new organization in his deliberations. By common consent James Mooney, Father Patrick Cronin, and a few other leaders of the Land League, who were present at the assembly at Mr. Mooney's parlors at his hotel and discussed the outlook. There was a unanimous feeling of great satisfaction at the outcome of affairs.

ROSSA'S SIDE SHOW. Immediately after the dynamite caucus held in Spear's Hall on Friday evening, after the adjournment at the Convention, at which Rossa and his henchmen were present, it was whispered around among the delegates that the American Fenians were taking practical steps to organize and set up a Convention of their own, having been refused official recognition in the platform of the new League. The rumor came from such a source, and was circulated so ingeniously and persistently, as to lead to a man of his age, and the salary too small. He expected to remain in this city and practice law before the Supreme and other Courts and the Department.

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THE LABOR STRIKES

IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

The Coal Miners in the Pittsburgh District to Go Out Tomorrow—State of the Iron Workers' Trouble—News Concerning Wage Difficulties at Other Points.

PITTSBURGH, April 29.—The Leader of to-day has the following: If the plans laid by some of those prominent in labor movement do not miscarry next Tuesday will see the number of idle men in this region increased by several thousand. It seems that the day mentioned has been selected by the men of several branches of trade as the time on which to drop their implements and cease work for reasons which they consider sufficient to warrant them in their action. First comes the miners, who for more than a week past have been hinting at a strike, and the iron workers, who at their convention of last Tuesday, called upon the diamond diggers to lay down their picks next Tuesday morning at six o'clock. Since the adoption of that resolution the leaders of the miners' association have been making every effort to bring out all the men available in the threatened strike. Several days since Secretary Flannery, in an interview with a Leader representative, stated that some of the operators had made a mistake in assuming that the miners would make an agreement that would avert the strike. Yesterday several operators were seen in regard to the matter, when one of them said: "It is a mistake to suppose that any of the leading operators will compromise matters with the miners' organization. Of course a half dozen or so of the smaller firms may make some arrangements by which their men will continue to work, but they cannot alter the general situation on the Panhandle. If the operators make a mistake in assuming that the miners will make an agreement that would avert the strike, they will find themselves in a very awkward position."

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CINCINNATI, April 28.—The boot and shoe makers, Knights of Labor, at a meeting to-day received reports from the committee of the ten men's work manufacturers here and were discharged. The assembly addressed a resolution to the manufacturers that they would be willing to meet themselves to not ask any advance in the present season if the present bill of wages was continued.

THE THOMPSON TRAGEDY.

What Miss Buckner has to Say About Mrs. Thompson.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 28.—Again visiting Harrodsburg to-day, your correspondent had an interview with Miss Jessie Buckner, the other woman in the case of the Davis-Thompson homicide. She is an exceedingly handsome young woman, and now visiting at the Thompson home. In a pleasant manner, yet with a serious earnestness becoming the subject, she remarked:

"I have but a few words to say. When Mr. and Mrs. Thompson came to Cincinnati in November last I saw them at the St. Clair, and Mr. Thompson leaving for Harrodsburg, he was with me to the hotel. Going out that afternoon, she remained for some time, returning just at supper time, evidently intoxicated, and having with her a companion whom I do not know. She was very much excited, and I told her to go to her room. She refused to do so, and I having a sick headache, retired. About 10 o'clock I was aroused by Mrs. Roth, who knocked at the door, which I opened, and saw her and Mrs. Thompson, who staggered in. Mrs. Thompson was very much excited, and I told her to go to her room. She refused to do so, and I having a sick headache, retired. About 10 o'clock I was aroused by Mrs. Roth, who knocked at the door, which I opened, and saw her and Mrs. Thompson, who staggered in. Mrs. Thompson was very much excited, and I told her to go to her room. 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